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What is Claimed is:

1. A method comprising:

receiving, through a network, a first set of information;

assembling a geographic location profile of a user based on the first set of

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selecting a second set of information based on the geographic location profile of the user; and

sending, through the network, the second set of information to a machine to be used by the user,

wherein the geographic location profile of the user includes a geographic location of interest to the user, and

wherein the geographic location profile of the user and the second set of information are stored on a machine-readable medium.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the second set of information includes information on at least one of news, business, entertainment, sports, and people.
- 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising determining a geographic location based on the second set of information; appending the geographic location to the second set of information; and comparing (i) the geographic location profile of the user and (ii) the geographic location appended to the second set of information to select the second set of

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4. The method of claim 3, wherein the geographic location appended to the second set of information is used to correlate the second set of information with at least one geographic location.

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5. The method of claim 1, further comprising receiving, through the network, a third set of information from the machine,

wherein the third set of information is based on the second set of information sent to the machine.

- 6. The method of claim 5, further comprising selecting a fourth set of information based on the third set of information; and
- sending, through the network, the fourth set of information to the machine, wherein the fourth set of information is stored on the machine-readable medium.
- 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the second set of information sent to the machine includes a link for the user to select the fourth set of information.
 - 8. The method of claim 6, wherein the fourth set of information includes information on at least one of news, business, entertainment, sports, and people.

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9. The method of claim 1, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes at least one of the birthplace, hometown, high school, college, residence, and physical geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.

- 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes a geographic location nearby at least one of the birthplace, hometown, high school, college, residence, and physical geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
- 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes a zip code of a geographic location of interest to at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
- 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes a zip code of a geographic location nearby a geographic location of interest to at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.

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- 13. The method of claim 1, wherein the first set of information includes information based on at least one of a present and a past geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
 - 14. The method of claim 13,

 wherein the first set of information is received from the machine, and

 wherein the present geographic location of the user is determined by the
- 15. The method of claim 13,

 wherein the first set of information is received from a second machine,
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- wherein the present geographic location of the user is determined by the second machine.
- 16. The method of claim 15, wherein the second machine includes at least one of a global positioning device and a telecommunication locating device.
- 20 17. The method of claim 13,

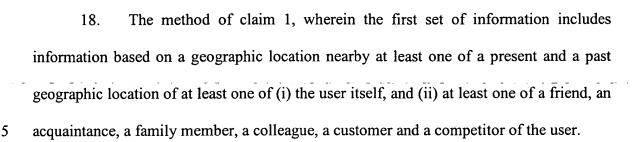
 wherein the first set of information is received from the machine, and

 wherein the present geographic location of the user is determined by the

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19. The method of claim 1, further comprising

selecting a third set of information based on at least one of (i) the first set of information, (ii) the geographic location profile of the user, and (iii) the second set of information; and

sending, through the network, the third set of information to a second machine,

wherein the third set of information is stored on the machine-readable medium.

20. The method of claim 19, wherein the third set of information identifies the first mentioned user of the first mentioned machine to a second user of the second machine.

21. An apparatus comprising:

a receiver to receive, through a network, a first set of information;

a machine-readable medium to store a geographic location profile of a user and a second set of information;

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a processor to:

assemble the geographic location profile of the user based on the first set of information, and

select the second set of information based on the geographic

5 location profile of the user; and

a transmitter to send, through the network, the second set of information to a machine to be used by the user,

wherein the receiver, the machine-readable medium, and the transmitter are coupled to the processor, and

wherein the geographic location profile of the user includes a geographic location of interest to the user.

- 22. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the second set of information includes information on at least one of news, business, entertainment, sports, and people.
 - 23. The apparatus of claim 21,

wherein the processor is configured to:

determine a geographic location based on the second set of information,

and append the geographic location to the second set of information,

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compare (i) the geographic location profile of the user and (ii) the geographic location appended to the second set of information to select the second set of information.

5 The apparatus of claim 23, wherein the geographic location appended to 24. the second set of information is used to correlate the second set of information with at least one geographic location.

25. The apparatus of claim 21,

wherein the receiver is configured to receive, through the network, a third set of information from the machine, and

wherein the third set of information is based on the second set of information sent to the machine.

26. The apparatus of claim 25,

wherein the machine-readable medium is configured to store a fourth set of information,

wherein the processor is configured to select the fourth set of information based on the third set of information, and

wherein the transmitter is configured to send, through the network, the fourth set of information to the machine.

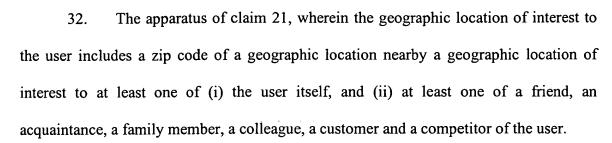
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27. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the second set of information sent to the machine includes a link for the user to select the fourth set of information.

- 28. The apparatus of claim 26, wherein the fourth set of information includes information on at least one of news, business, entertainment, sports, and people.
- 29. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes at least one of the birthplace, hometown, high school, college, residence, and physical geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
- 30. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes a geographic location nearby at least one of the birthplace, hometown, high school, college, residence, and physical geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
- The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes a zip code of a geographic location of interest to at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.

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The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the first set of information includes information based on at least one of a present and a past geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.

The apparatus of claim 33, 34.

wherein the receiver is configured to receive the first set of information from the machine, and

wherein the machine determines the present geographic location of the user.

35. The apparatus of claim 33,

wherein the receiver is configured to receive the first set of information from a second machine, and

wherein the second machine determines the present geographic location of the user.

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36. The apparatus of claim 35, wherein the second machine includes at least one of a global positioning device and a telecommunication locating device.

37. The apparatus of claim 33,

wherein the receiver is configured to receive the first set of information from the machine, and

wherein the user determines the present geographic location of itself.

- 38. The apparatus of claim 21, wherein the first set of information includes information based on a geographic location nearby at least one of a present and a past geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
 - 39. The apparatus of claim 21,

wherein the machine-readable medium is configured to store a third set of information,

wherein the processor is configured to select the third set of information based on at least one of (i) the first set of information, (ii) the geographic location profile of the user, and (iii) the second set of information, and

wherein the transmitter is configured to send, through the network, the third set of information to a second machine.

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- 40. The apparatus of claim 39, wherein the third set of information identifies the first mentioned user of the first mentioned machine to a second user of the second machine.
- 5 41. A machine-readable medium having encoded information, which when read and executed by a machine causes a method comprising:

receiving, through a network, a first set of information;

assembling a geographic location profile of a user based on the first set of information;

selecting a second set of information based on the geographic location profile of the user; and

sending, through the network, the second set of information to a machine to be used by the user,

wherein the geographic location profile of the user includes a geographic location of interest to the user, and

wherein the geographic location profile of the user and the second set of information are stored on a machine-readable medium.

- 42. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the second set of information includes information on at least one of news, business, entertainment, sports, and people.
 - 43. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, the method further comprising

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determining a geographic location based on the second set of information; appending the geographic location to the second set of information; and comparing (i) the geographic location profile of the user and (ii) the geographic location appended to the second set of information to select the second set of information.

- 44. The machine-readable medium of claim 43, wherein the geographic location appended to the second set of information is used to correlate the second set of information with at least one geographic location.
- 45. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, the method further comprising receiving, through the network, a third set of information from the machine,

wherein the third set of information is based on the second set of information sent to the machine.

46. The machine-readable medium of claim 45, the method further comprising selecting a fourth set of information based on the third set of information; and

sending, through the network, the fourth set of information to the machine, wherein the fourth set of information is stored on the machine-readable medium.

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47. The machine-readable medium of claim 46, wherein the second set of information sent to the machine includes a link for the user to select the fourth set of information.

48. The machine-readable medium of claim 46, wherein the fourth set of information includes information on at least one of news, business, entertainment, sports, and people.

- 49. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes at least one of the birthplace, hometown, high school, college, residence, and physical geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
- 50. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes a geographic location nearby at least one of the birthplace, hometown, high school, college, residence, and physical geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.

51. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes a zip code of a geographic location of interest to

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at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.

- 52. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the geographic location of interest to the user includes a zip code of a geographic location nearby a geographic location of interest to at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
 - 53. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the first set of information includes information based on at least one of a present and a past geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
 - 54. The machine-readable medium of claim 53,

 wherein the first set of information is received from the machine, and

 wherein the present geographic location of the user is determined by the

 machine.
- 20 55. The machine-readable medium of claim 53, wherein the first set of information is received from a second machine, and

wherein the present geographic location of the user is determined by the second machine.

- 56. The machine-readable medium of claim 55, wherein the second machine
 includes at least one of a global positioning device and a telecommunication locating device.
 - 57. The machine-readable medium of claim 53,

 wherein the first set of information is received from the machine, and

 wherein the present geographic location of the user is determined by the

 user itself.
 - 58. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, wherein the first set of information includes information based on a geographic location nearby at least one of a present and a past geographic location of at least one of (i) the user itself, and (ii) at least one of a friend, an acquaintance, a family member, a colleague, a customer and a competitor of the user.
- 59. The machine-readable medium of claim 41, the method further comprising selecting a third set of information based on at least one of (i) the first set of information, (ii) the geographic location profile of the user, and (iii) the second set of information; and

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sending, through the network, the third set of information to a second machine,

wherein the third set of information is stored on the machine-readable medium.

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60. The machine-readable medium of claim 59, wherein the third set of information identifies the first mentioned user of the first mentioned machine to a second user of the second machine.